

2004 NJ Duck Stamp Print

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee is proud to announce its 21st Edition Waterfowl Stamp painted by artist, Phillip Crowe. Decoy carver, John Potts, carved the decoy depicted in the painting. This 21st edition is the second in the Retriever puppy series. The twenty-first waterfowl stamp and print features the yellow Labrador Retriever puppy. The Labrador Retriever descended from former dogs of Newfoundland. Labrador Retrievers come in three colors, black, chocolate and yellow. Lab's are a versatile sporting dog and are the best retrievers on land and water. The lab's weather resistant coat easily sheds burrs and brambles, and its dense undercoat is almost impervious to water. The tail, often referred to as an otter tail, aids the dog in strong currents. The Labrador Retriever is not only an excellent choice for hunting, but will also provide countless hours of companionship.

About the Artist



Phillip Crowe attended Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida. It was this great learning experience that laid the groundwork for Crowe's love of painting. He has dedicated his time and art to various organizations for the community and preservation of wildlife that he loves. He has raised through his art millions of dollars for organizations such as: Ducks Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Nature Conservancy, as well as many state and wildlife agencies. Also by donating his time at charity events, such as the Louise Mandrell Celebrity Shoot, he has helped raise money for the Boy Scouts of America, and the Ruffed Grouse Society for the environment.

About the Carver



John Potts is a self-employed house painter and began his carving career in 1985 during a recovery period from surgery. He spent time in Louisiana, studying with Tan Brunet, a world class carver considered among the best in the world. Since then, Mr. Potts has been entering competitions on the state and national levels, accumulating over 600 awards. Mr. Potts is a respected judge amongst waterfowl competitors, having judged at state and national events. He has donated many carvings to charitable organizations including several chapters of Ducks Unlimited, the New Jersey Waterfowlers, hospitals and animal shelters.

The Program

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife administers the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Program for the purpose of purchasing wetlands for waterfowl habitat. Proceeds from the sale of New Jersey's Duck Stamps and Prints total over \$3,900,000 to date, all to acquire wetlands for waterfowl habitat and public use. The New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee has committed to the purchase of over 13,000 acres of waterfowl habitat. The committee has also been and will continue to be involved with the enhancement of thousands of additional acres for the benefit of wildlife.

Limited edition, signed and numbered prints of the 21st New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp may be purchased directly from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. You may visit us on the web at www.njfishandwildlife.com to see our other products.